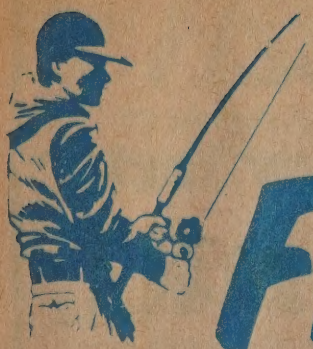

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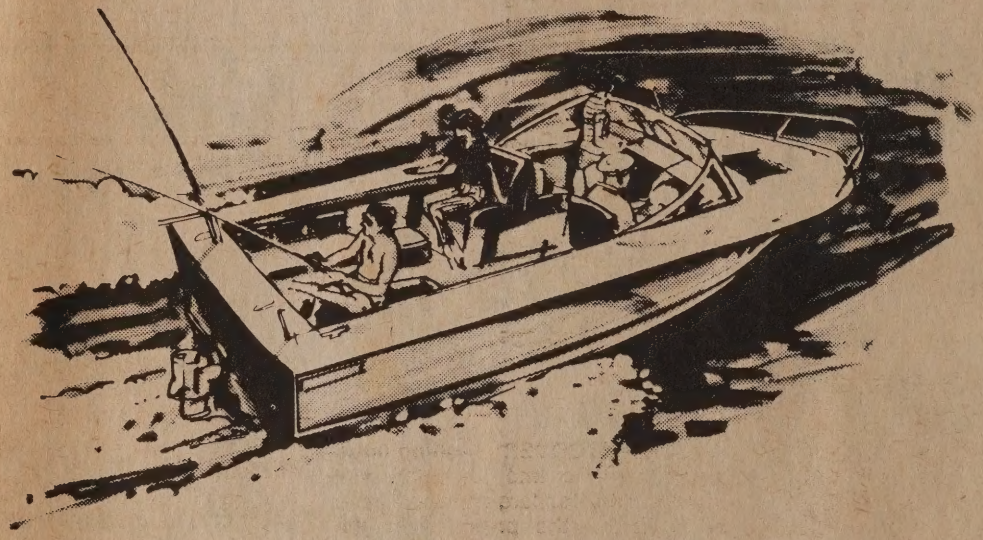

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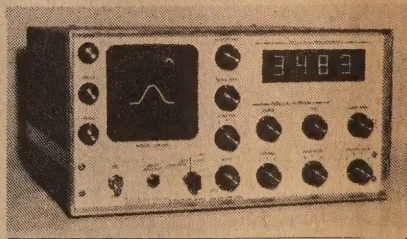

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CLUB NEWS

NORTH BROOKHAVEN SPORT FISHERMEN'S CLUB INC. ELECTS 1975 OFFICERS

At the final meeting of the North Brookhaven Sport Fishermen's Club for 1974, the following members were elected officers for 1975; President - Stu Goodman of Rocky Point; Vice-President - Dan Marchand of Rocky Point; Treasurer - Don Avrick of Miller Place; Corresponding Secretary - John Klinger of Rocky Point; Financial Secretary - Bob Rosenberger of Rocky Point; Recording Secretary - Glenn Just of Yaphank; Sgt. at Arms - Bill Tiedmann of North Selden. Three trustees were also elected: Neil Buchler of Lake Ronkonkoma, Joe Streng of Rocky Point, and Ed Sullivan of Rocky Point.

New members accepted into the N.B.S.F.C. at its December meeting included: Noel Fricke of Port Jefferson, and James Range of Woodside (Queens).

"SALTY" FLYRODDERS MEET JAN. 6

The "SALTY" Flyrodders of New York will host the "Long Island Fisherman" at their January 6th meeting.

The Associate Editor, Dr. William A. Muller will present a slide show and discussion on "Getting to know the Weakfish".

This is a not-to-be-missed meeting, where one can learn all about this fine fish from one who knows all the secrets.

The meeting will be held in the lower hall of The Grace Lutheran Church at 31-20 21st Avenue, Astoria, Queens, starting at 8 P.M. with our usual fly tying corner.

This meeting is open to the public, so bring your friends. Coffee and cake will be served.

BABYLON TUNA CLUB FISHING SCHOOL

The Babylon Tuna Club will sponsor its fifth annual fishing school beginning with registration on Tuesday, January 21, 1975, at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall, Long Island Avenue, Deer Park at 8:00 P.M. The course program will start on January 28 and run 6 consecutive Tuesday nights.

The fishing school consists of a series of 6 lectures and demonstrations given by experience fishermen, marine biologists and marine electronic specialists. The course program will cover fishing for both inshore and offshore species, and marine ecology. Demonstrations, at each session, will teach the students the tying of basic rigs, knot tying, line splicing, wire line, surge lure making and marine electronics. The topics covered will be of interest to both the beginner and the experienced fisherman, with questions and discussions encouraged.

Fee for the school will be $10, ages 18 and under for $5, and special rates can be arranged for schools and groups. For additional information call Bob Hunt at (516) 242-3821.

1. Flounder/Fluke, Jan. 28, Fluke Rigs, Flounder Rigs; **2.** Codfish + Wreck Fishing/Tuna + Marlin, Feb. 4, Maywire Twist, Codfish Rigs, Loran; **3.** Weakfish + Blackfish/Ecology, Feb. 11, Weakfish Rigs, Blackfish Rigs; **4.** Shark Fishing, Feb. 18, Splicing Lines, Shark Rigs; **5.** Striped Bass, Feb. 25, Surge Tube Lures, Bass Rigs; **6.** Bluefish/Wire Line Fishing, Mar. 4, Umbrella Rigs, Bluefish Rigs.

Chum Lines

READERS QUESTION D.E.C. SIZE LIMITS

In the Long Island Fisherman's issue dated 12/5/74, Issue #47, I came upon the N.Y.S. Conservation Dept.'s proposed limits on salt water fish both for sports and commercial, 10 fish in all. Now who are they fooling, you or me? Always these things come out but, like anything else, it would be the sportsman who will—in most cases—be the one who will have to pay in some way or other for this new proposed law.

But the commercial fishermen will just go along and pick everything that gets into the nets. Why don't they get up and propose a law to keep out all the big commercials from other lands out of our waters?

Now, as for the 10 fish, I can see a size limit for stripers, fluke, weakfish, sea bass, blackfish and flounder. I can't see it for porgies, bluefish, mackerel and snappers. Stripers have had a limit on them for sometime, but the commercial fisherman do all right, because I have seen many under-sized stripers in the fish stores. So-if you people can do anything to change or knock out this proposed new limit, then do it!

The Mad sportsfisherman **Mr. Luis Albo, Brooklyn.**

I saw the article in the Dec. 5, magazine, and I never felt so upset and angry in my life. It's the one about new size limits on 10 salt water species.

This law, if passed, will kill the fishing for the poor man in the New York and vicinity area. Whether they know it or not, you're lucky to catch a flounder, no less an 11-inch flounder. I have been fishing at Long Beach's Magnolia Avenue Pier in the height of the flounder season and was lucky to average two fish a day. They averaged 8-9 inches. Most of your loal inland fishing piers and bulkheads had the same problem; I have friends that travel about who have told me this. As far as the other species such as stripers, fluke and the rest, they are practically non-existent. Everybody looks forward to the snapper season because this is the only fish we can catch in any quantity.

With the virtual slaughter of tons and tons in the millions by foreign fleets fishing 12 miles off our beaches, this fishing we do is a drop in the oil tanker, instead of the proverbial bucket. I felt so abused with the passing of the 14-inch fluke bill, now, with this other size limit thing, I'm infuriated.

I myself am retired and depend greatly on catching a couple of fish to eat—regardless of size. If they pass this bill I'll be completely without fish.

Let them pass that 200 mile limit bill and they'll see how fast these species of fish multiply and come back. I feel that they should reconsider the size limit bill because every fish I have to throw back, I feel is going into my future enemy's pockets.
Thoroughly Disgusted

In Issue #47 of your magazine, I read about the new size limit of most of the fish in Long Island Waters. I do not agree with the new size limits of most of the fish; I think they are quite harsh. I say there are enough fish in these waters to spawn. None of the fish are in the endangered species.
Alan Roth, East Meadow, N.Y.

News Releases

MARINE ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL OF LONG ISLAND

The Marine Environmental Council of Long Island today demanded that the U.S. Attorney General, investigate the charges in a report by the House Committee on Government Operations that, out of several thousand oil spills in the last 20 years, the government has fined only **one** violator and has canceled no leases.

Since this current situation on laxity of enforcement could have serious repercussions in the Long Island area if off-shore drilling is permitted, MECLI demands that action now be instituted by the Attorney General to bring suit against those companies violating the clean

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Surf Side with Doc Muller

Point Allocations in Competitive Fishing

Many fishermen enjoy a healthy and friendly competition which is a natural outgrowth of their hobby. Fishermen that belong to clubs compete amongst themselves for recognition and prizes. Clubs compete with other clubs too, and the Schaefer Salt Water Fishing Contest is the focus of attention.

A fishermen can receive points for catching bluefish that are heavier than five pounds and striped bass that weigh over fifteen pounds. If the fish is caught in the surf the angler receives two points for every pound; if the fish is boat-caught the fishermen receives one point per pound. Therefore, a 30-pound bass would earn the angler 60 points if it were surf-caught.

It is not necessary to kill the fish, either. The catch can be weighed on an appropriate hand scale in front of witnesses and then quickly returned unharmed.

Now for the point of this discussion. The decisions for the allocation of points was made some time ago and have been slow to change. The criteria for competition should encourage a diverse, healthy competition instead of stifle it. However, in order for this to be so the criteria must be constantly reevaluated and, if necessary, changed.

For example, until a few years ago really huge bluefish were quite rare, but today they seem to be the rule rather than the exception. Intra-club competition usually allows for a 3:1 ratio in value between bluefish and bass; a 12-pound bluefish would take top honors over a 35-pound bass in a contest. Surfmen who know where to find healthy bass with regularity know that a bass in the low thirties during the summer months will not usually win a contest and so he seeks out the bluefish. The contest entries thus begin to be one-sided.

In terms of today's values a bass over fifteen pounds is about as common as a blue over ten pounds and, therefore, the minimum bluefish weight should be raised to 10 pounds.

Another consideration should be given to the fact that bluefish are on the downside of their cyclical abundance and the huge roaming schools of choppers will soon become a thing of the past. However, following the drought will come the small fish, and our criteria should be reviewed once again at that time.

Still aother point of irritation to me is the bluefish-striped bass syndrome. There are other gamefishes in this area, you know. One of these in particular seems to be overlooked and under-rated. Listen guys, the weakfish (*Cynoscion regalis*) is a legitimate gamefish!

First of all, the weak can grow to respectable sizes. Last year enough fish in the teens were caught to convince everybody of that. Second, weakfish are good fighters, and I think one can readily compare their spirit to that of a bass of comparable weight. In addition, they do have a bit more stamina, and their paper-thin lips provice a real challenge to the angler. The fishermen, particularly in the surf, has got to be very careful with his drag and the manner in which he plays the fish. You simply cannot horse a big weakfish to the gaff unless you're lucky enough to have set the hook in the throat or some other hard, bony part.

Then, too, one finds that the surfmen with light tackle often score more consistently with weaks because the equipment allows the angler a few mistakes. The limber rod and stretching monofilament covers them up. Big weakfish are frequently very choosy about baits, and in the summer the best catches are made by surf sharpies with a knack for old yellowfins, in much the same way that a few bass fishermen catch most of the summer bass.

I think we owe the weakfish a little more respect! I do appreciate that until recently there weren't too many weakfish around and, therefore, there is a tendency to forget about them as gamefish. But times change, and so should the fishermen. If indeed the Schaefer Contest will continue to be sponsored, the officials should give serious thought to providing point allocations for the weakfish. Even if the contest does not continue, it would be wise for individual clubs to do a little rethinking of their own rules via their fish committees.

Some clubs are not very far removed from this now. Weakfish do quality for contests on a three-to-one ratio, and Schaefer does give awards for the biggest weakfish each year.

Okay. So about now you're saying, "What do you suggest?"

In terms of size and abundance patterns there is a great deal of similarity between bluefish and weakfish. When they are abundant they literally flood our coastal waters; when they are scarce it's hard to find a single specimen. The maximum sizes are about the same and they can be caught in the same waters as bass. One of the arguments against qualifying the weakfish will come from northern areas where the claim will be made that the weaks are not as abundant in their waters. However, the sanctioning of this difference in distribution may allow the two areas to compete on an equal footing. At the present time, they shoot us down on big bass every year.

I would suggest, therefore, that weakfish over five pounds qualify for Schaefer and club points. As with the other species, two points should be given if the fish is surf-caught and one point if boat-caught. If too many anglers feel that there are too many weaks around the five pound range, the limit might be raised to six, seven, or even eight pounds.

I think one of the most important benefits to come from this would be that surf fishermen would spend more time and effort seeking these gamesters out; the knowledge gained would be valuable not only to the fishing fraternity but also to scientists and environmental groups.

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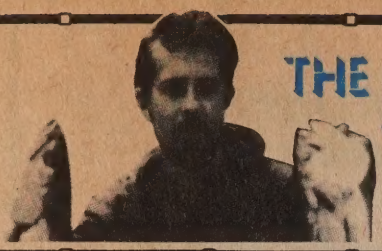

THE BOTTOM LINE

with Scott Simons

Storing Terminal Tackle

Many fishermen think of their tackle box as serving one purpose—to conveniently transport their terminal tackle. While this is undoubtably an important function, two others of primary importance are often neglected—to organize and protect. Organization is vital so that you can find things quickly and will be able to see at a glance that a certain item should be re-stocked. Protection of terminal tackle from the elements will insure that it is in top-notch condition, a factor that can be of vital importance when you hook-up with a big fish.

If your bottom rigs and artificial lures are constantly getting wet, they will quickly rust and become a handicap when the time comes to put them to use. You may tie a bunch of porgy rigs in the winter and carry them in your box throughout the spring, only to find rusty, weak hooks when you tie them on in the summer. More artificials are probably discarded due to the neglect they have received than by fish chewing them up.

Most of the plastic tackle boxes on the market today have nice little compartments to hide lures, plugs, snaps and swivels, etc. The trouble is these compartments also act as miniature swimming pools. A tackle box carelessly left open can catch an unbelievable amount of water just from spray while you're under way. Your tackle just lies in a puddle and doesn't get a chance to dry out. The only thing you can do when this happens is to empty the contents of the box and dry it out—an arduous, and quite avoidable, task.

A simple modification to your tackle box will eliminate this problem: drill a small hole in the corner of each compartment for drainage. This will prevent water from collecting, and by drilling the holes in a corner a hook won't be able to get caught in it. Also drill a couple of holes in the botom of the tackle box. Make it a habit of closing the box immediately after you open it to prevent spray from getting everything wet. Don't just close the lid—lock it! Otherwise you may pick it up by the handle on the lid and spill the contents all over the deck.

Small items such as snaps and swivels should be kept in some kind of container that can fit in one of the trays. If left loose, they will quickly find their way into adjoining compartments on the first bump of your boat. See-through pill bottles can be saved at home or purchased at the drugstore for ten or fifteen cents each. Pill bottles make excellent containers because they are airtight and transparent so you can see what each contains. The small canisters that rolls of 35 mm. film come packed in are also good, but you can't see through them. This creates a problem if you have five or six canisters and are trying to find a particular size snap swivel in a hurry.

When you take anything out of the tackle box and use it for awhile, don't put it back in the box wet. If you place a wet lure on top of a dry one, you now have two wet lures. Dry everything off with a dry rag before returning it to the box.

Many imporant steps may be taken to store and protect your bottom rigs. Now that the holidays have passed you will have many hours of idle time on your hands. Why not spend them tying bottom rigs? It will help to make the winter months pass quickly, and every hour spent tying rigs now will save an hour when the fishing season is on in full force and time is at a premium.

As each bottom rig is completed, place it in an envelope and seal the flap. When putting the rig in the envelope do not coil it up in a circle; the monofilament may take a spring-like set. Rather, stuff the rig into the envelope. When you seal the flap, the monofilament will spring into the shape of the envelope, which is large enough to prevent it from taking a set. Put only one rig in each packet and use an indelible pencil to label what type of rig it is. When you need a particular rig in a hurry, all you have to do is open the labeled envelope and you're in business.

No matter how hard you try to prevent it, sooner or later the envelopes will get wet, become soggy and fall apart. To prevent this from happening, pick up a box of 50 plastic utility bags. They are larger then "baggies" and cost only fifty-nine cents in Pathmark. Put three or four envelopes in each bag and your worries about wet rigs will be over. You can put them in the bottom of your tackle box or carry them separately. Don't make the mistake of overstocking your tackle box, however; carry only enough rigs for one day's fishing and store the rest at home to draw replacements from as they are needed.

Start each day fishing trip with a new bottom rig. At the end of each day, clip off the sinker and swivels and discard the rest. Why? Used rigs will accumulate in the bottom of your tackle box and quickly become a worthless bird's nest of tangled monofilament and rusty hooks. After using a rig the mono may be frayed or nicked and the hook points may be dull or bent. Finally, the most expensive rig you can make won't cost more than a quarter's worth of materials, a small price to pay to fish with a rig that's up to snuff. While a used rig will often appear to be "good enough" to use again, those times they prove not to be can be heartbreakers. For example, one of the best fish I took last year was a 25 pound striped bass—on ten pound test with a number one beak hook while porgy fishing at Montauk. Fortunately, the hook was brand new, but it still was almost straightened under the strain. If it had been bent or

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The Blue Claw Crab

by Dick Mermon

Everyone likes to fish for, catch and —especially—eat one of the tastiest crustaceans on the east coast, the blue claw crab. We take for granted that they are here one year and gone the next. Maybe not totally gone, but down in numbers.

One Sunday, bayman George Combs, II and I sat and chatted about the bay and the way it used to be. I was amazed at the warehouse of knowledge stored in the mind of this gentleman. Before I knew it, we were on the subject of the blue claw and the life cycle of same.

The female lays thousands of salmon-colored eggs in the soft mud and weed of the bay flats, about the middle of May. Within a few days these eggs hatch and small crabs called "mites" come forth. These mites grow very rapidly, and, within a month, are about the size of a dime. As these small crabs grow, their shells do not and, therefore, must be shed periodically. Shedding of the shell (ecdysis) occurs most frequently when the crabs are in the smaller stages and slows down when they reach three inches or more in size.

Both male and female crabs shed their shells. The predominant months during which the mature crabs shed are June, July and August. At this time the crab is called a "shedder" or "soft shell". In the south they are called "peelers".

While in the soft stage they are helpless prey for many species of predators, but, once again, Nature comes to the aid of its helpless creatures: within four hours after the shedder period, the shell begins to harden. During this hardening period they are called "leather backs". Another term used for them is "buckies". Even while this soft-stage period goes on, the female can and will mate, but a male blue claw will not.

A female blue claw will mate but once in her life, which lasts between twenty four to twenty eight months. Females, when sexually mature are called "comers". They will show signs of a discoloration on the undersides of their shells. The horizontal lines of the flap of the female will be a purplish color and become very pronounced. The flap will be a broad "V" in shape. After fertilization has occured, the flap will then form into a wide "U" shape to carry the spongy egg mass.

Strange as it may seem, the build-up of the moon to its fullest in June and August is when the females become ripe for mating. This is the time of the year when you will find two crabs locked together. The male will find the ripened female; even if the female is about to shed her shell, she submits to the male by turning on her back, the male then placing himself onto her for mating. This courtship can last up to four days locked together, ending after fertilization has occured. The male then turns the female over to an upright position and stays clamped to her back.

Even if they are separated and thrown back into the water in opposite direction, the male will find her and hang on. Once again this mating can go on right through the shedding stage of the female.

While the female mates only once at maturity the male will mate again if another "comer" female is found. There are more females to be found than males. This is the reason the shedder fishermen throw back the males they find attached to the females when caught.

It is not that the mature males get the best break, because in February and March they die. The females bury themselves in the soft sand or mud for the winter.

A large percentage of the blue claws leaves the bays every year and returns in the spring. They very gradually migrate to some location that they like best and settle in. Crabs are also creatures of habit and will return to the area they like best.

One strange thing about Nature's work with the blue claw is, once the female mates, she never sheds again. She puts her entire vitality into the development of the eggs she carries. After spawning, the female has no meat left in her shell. She completely absorbs the inner flesh, leaving but a watery substance. This is the last of te female's life cycle. She has completed her life's purpose—the continuation of the species.

At the time of female is carrying the sponge egg sack, it is against the law to kill her or remove her from the water. All "spongies", as they are called, must be returned.

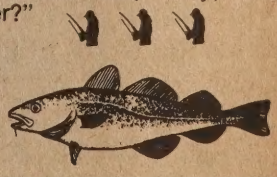
What used to be a thriving business on the South Shore of Long Island, is no more. The rearing of soft shell blue claw crabs in this area is gone forever. Ol' George said that there are just not enough of the crusceans to be worthwhile handling for the commercial market. They just don't come into the area like they used to. Everything is slowly disappearing from the bay. George still catches a few and rears the expected softies in boxes by his home for himself, but that is all.

When I asked him how does one know a crab is about to shed, he said by touch. He feels the end of the points of the crabs shells and then puts them into one of five floating shedder boxes. Then he transfers them from one box to another on a daily schedule, as they start to shed. In the last box, the crab will shed its outer shell and is then removed from the cart.

The only person George knows that commercially rears softies in the summer, in the Jones Inlet to Fire Island Inlet area, is his cousin, John Combs, but he limits the catch.

Down in the Chesapeake Bay, the blue claw is king and the softie business goes on all year 'round. They have boxes and boxes into which crabs are transferred and freshly shedded crabs are picked out. Men tend them twenty-four hours a day. Most of the restaurants on Long Island receive their soft crabs from the Chesapeake.

As the population grows bigger on Long Island, the blue claw population will diminish even more and some day someone will ask, "Hey, what's a shedder?"



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A Promised Land

by Ed Haring

If you asked Santa Claus for a nice stretch of beach on the Atlantic Ocean he might refer you to a reputable dome-shrinker. More than likely he would see that you were fitted with a well-tailored straight jacket if you went on to say the waters sould be every bit as clear as those at Jones Beach, and far-removed from the oil spills occurring so frequently in the Sound. You might as well add a few stone jetties, and a few broken wooden ones where the bait fish could seek shelter from blues and bass. Throw in a few fluke, kingfish and hopefully an occasional weak. Why not specify a few deep holes on the bottom, too? In this day and age, what surfcaster can expect to be given such a fishing area? Don't you know that the popular trend is take beach areas away, not to get them?

IT AIN'T NECESSARILY SO! You fellows dwelling in the shadow of Manhattan's skyline stand a very good chance of becoming beneficiaries of just such an area. For the first time in many decades you may be able to teach your son the art of surf casting without burning up a tank full of precious gasoline. Your father may be able to warm his bones in the summer's sun while the worm at the end of his line searches for a lunker. The non-fishing members of the family can go swimming, sun bathing or play pitch-putt golf a short distance away.

WHAT'S THE STORY, JERRY? Just this—and I quote from a copy of a letter Senator Jacob K. Javits recently sent me, from the United States Department of Interior, North Atlantic Region:

"Dear Senator Javits:

Your inquiry on the behalf of Mr. Edward J. Haring has been assigned by the Director of the National Park Service to this office for action. The planning is under way for the recreation area. In the absence of an approved plan, we cannot state whether an area will be set aside for fishermen in Fort Tilden. However, please be assured that the interest of Mr. Haring and other sport fishermen will receive every consideration in the planning process. Sport fishing is a recognized need and will be addressed to the plan.

It is our intention to enhance opportunities to pursue this recreational activity in the Breezy Point unit as well as in the other units of the Recreation Area.

Thank you for your interest in the Gateway National Recreation Area.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd) Jerry D. Wagers"

I think we all owe a vote of thanks of Senator Javits, who took the time in the midst of a hectic campaign and other pressing national matters to champion this cause. To you scoffers who say public officials don't heed a sound petition of "a liitle guy", put this in your pipe and smoke it. Oh, yes. I might add that the Senator sent this copy with an accompanying letter AFTER HIS RE-ELECTION!

The beach I described earlier was inside Fort Tilden, which will become part of the Breezy Point Unit on about the first of the year. I know the whole area encompassed by the unit well. Not only would it be the best for fishing, but it would be unsafe for bathing without the expenditure of an awful lot of money— and dollars are scarce these days. To either side are perfect bathing beaches. All it would take is a few truckloads of gravel for a parking area and the rehabilitation of the Army's toilet facilities, and we'd be in business early in 1975. It was for this reason I selected it as a target. Who cares what recreational facilities are put behind the relatively narrow zone we need to pursue our sport? Unofficially, I learned from a reliable source that we will get it.

Twice during the past year this magazine carried my requests that you join in the fray by writing your congressman to support the campaign. Only you know whether you did. Now that the fishing season is over and TV programs are becoming a bore, it would help an awful lot if you gave your support. If you don't know who your congressman is, call your local political club. Write, in your own words, just as though you were talking to him; flowery phases and big words are best avoided. Be brief, state your support and mail it. To kill three birds with one stone, send copies to:

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National Park Service
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Att: Jerry D. Wagers
and
Gateway National Recreation Area
Breezy Point Unit
Jacob Riis Park
155th Street & Boardwalk
Queens, New York 11694
Att: Robert Shields

While we know we are on the drawing board, let's muster all the insurance we can get to make it a reality. You fellows to the east can help, too. You never know when you might need allies in a similar cause.

This beach could be set aside for surf fishermen, but it requires YOUR SUPPORT!

Follow the Winding Path

by Frank Bolz III

Due to the increasing amount of privately owned water frontage, private beaches and the growing number of power and sewerage plants, the average fisherman must have access to a car or boat to get to good fishing. But what about the other half, who don't own boats or who are not old enough to drive?

There are still a few places accessible by bicycle, such as Wantagh Park or Seaford Park, but the boat traffic causes many problems and the fishing there is in an unproductive area. However, when the fishing bug bites in the spring, these areas serve the purpose. Now don't think it takes a boat to get to the fish, but it may take endless hours of searching and exploring through grassy and swampy land to get to productive areas, as it is with surf fishing.

Two years ago I was bitten by the fishing bug. This resulted in endless days of fishing, with nothing much to show for my efforts. One thing I did gain was valuable experience in the art of fishing. After learning about the wide assortment of fishing tackle and mastering the fundamentals of casting, I still had only a small flounder or two to show for a day's fishing. I obtained much of my information watching the experienced fishermen and reading a lot, including the *L.I. Fisherman.*

The next year I decided to explore the shoreline around Wantagh where the boats went fishing. I heard of people doing well around Wantagh Park so I tried along that stretch of beach. I found this kind of fishing to be more productive than standing on a bulkhead with boats passing every minute. Now that area is partially fenced off, prohibiting fishing, because of the boats cutting the corner of the bulkhead.

Every time I went I ventured further along the shore. Then I observed the beach line at low tides, trying to find the deep holes. At one time I went as far as I could to this skinny canal, which was only about 12 feet wide and which emptied into the bay near the bridge. I thought this would be the end of my exploring, but next to the canal was a path through the weeds. I followed it inland to a log that crossed over the canal. After proceeding to the other side, I followed the dirt path along the weeds to a bridge. After trying the shore all around the bridge I was rewarded with fourteen and sixteen inch fluke, with a few throwbacks. I could not complain, since it was a long way from one or two small flounders.

A few days later I told my friends about this new area. We went along the path to the same spot a few times and found by experience that the fluke were in the rough water and in the deep holes. Every time we went we learned more and more. One time we arrived at low tide and discovered we could wade out 80 feet along a sandbar until we were near the channel near the rough water, and this fishing area gave us a few fifteen inch fluke.

One cast, however, gave me the thrill of my life: a four pound fluke snatched my killie and gave me quite a struggle. The best part was watching my friend net him with a trout net.

In future months I caught my first weakfish and blackfish. It just shows that if you don't explore other areas and try new methods, your fishing may stay the same.

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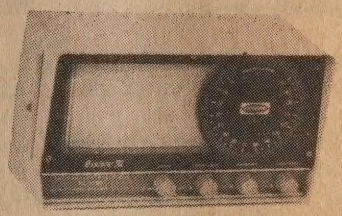

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FISH FARMING:
Hope for the future? by Vlad Evanoff

With the increasing demand for food—especially protein—all over the world, commercial fishing will intensify in future years. We have seen what has already happened with foreign fleets moving in to fish our coastal waters. This continued fishing and overfishing will have the inevitable result of depleting our stocks of important food fish and some sport fish.

Add our own commercial and sports fishermen to the foreign fishing fleets; you can readily see that our fisheries are in big trouble. Many steps such as a 200-mile offshore fishing limit, quotas or limits on fish catches, open and closed seasons and areas, and similar national and international conservation measures have been suggested. But it may be years before such steps are taken and forced, and by then our fisheries will be depleted to the point of no return.

Another way we can take pressure off our fisheries and increase our animal protein is by fish-farming, also called aquaculture and mariculture. The idea behind fish farming is not new. In fact, Japan, China and many European countries have been raising fish for food for centuries. The ancient Greeks and Romans stocked their ponds and lakes with young fish and raised them to eating size.

We've had fish hatcheries in this country for many years. These have been used for rearing trout, bass, sunfish and other fish for sport fishing, but there are also hatcheries which raise trout for food to be sold in fish markets, restaurants and supermarkets.

And there has been a boom in fish ponds in the last 20 or 30 years. Most of them are stocked with bass and sunfish which can be caught for sport or for food.

But the biggest success story in fish farming in recent years is catfish farming, which started on a large scale only about eight years ago and has grown to a $25,000,000 business. It originally began in the south and has now spread to 35 states. The leading states are still in the south, however, with Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas producing the most catfish. They have the land, warm water and long growing season which enables them to raise a catfish to the one-pound-or-better market size in a year or so.

Catfish farms range in size from about 20 to 500 acres under water. These are mainly ponds created with a bulldozer by forming levees around the periphery. The depth of the water ranges from three to six feet. These ponds are then stocked with about 1,200 to 2,000 fingerling catfish per acre. These are usually channel catfish, but blue catfish and other species have also been raised. The catfish are fed a prepared pellet-ration until they reach the desired market size. Production of catfish will vary from 1,000 to 2,000 pounds of fish per acre. This brings in a bigger profit than the same acreage planted in cotton, corn, wheat or other crops.

Many of these catfish farmers also permit hook and line fishing in their ponds, for a fee, and charge so much a pound for the fish caught. The same thing, of course, has been done on other ponds which have been stocked with trout, bass, sunfish or other fresh water fish. All this has helped to take some of the pressure off public waters.

But the biggest hope for the future is salt water fish farming. Here again, Japan, China, India and other foreign countries are way ahead of this country in such activities. Such cultivation includes not only fish but shellfish such as clams, oysters, mussels and shrimp.

In this country, oysters have been seeded or planted for many years in Long Island waters and Chesapeake Bay and raised to eating size. But this has been in natural waters such as bays and sounds. The Shelter Island Oyster Company of Greenport, however, has been experimenting and producing oysters from seed to marketable size in 18 months in a controlled environment in salt water ponds. I don't know what their yield per acre is, but the Japanese have produced as many as 46,000 pounds of oysters per acre.

Mussels have been cultivated in France since the 13th century. They anchor poles in shallow water and attach seed mussels to the poles. They also use the "raft" method to produce mussels for the market. A wooden raft is anchored in deeper water and ropes

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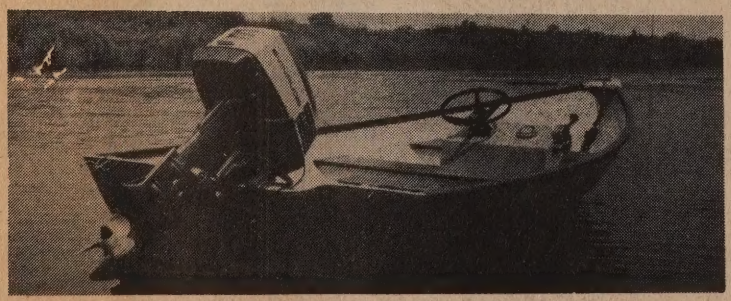

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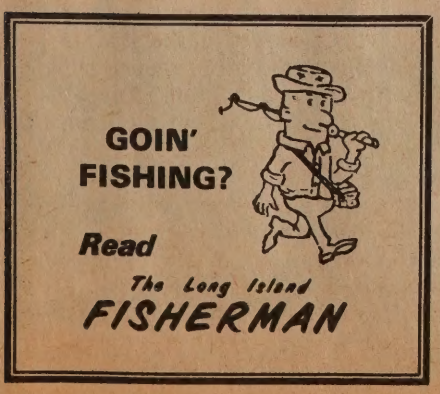
up to ½ inch thick and 30 feet long are suspended from the raft. The mussels attach themselves to the ropes and thrive and grow until they are large enough to be harvested.

Many other experiments in aquaculture are being conducted in this country. In Florida and Texas they are trying to raise shrimp in tanks or ponds for the market and for bait. Also in Florida, scientists have been raising fresh water shrimp which reach a foot in length and weigh almost a pound. In Louisiana they have been working with fresh water crayfish which are like small lobsters and very popular as food. In California they are trying to raise the Dungeness crab in cages until they have reached marketable size. In other states and areas people are experimenting with fluke, coho salmon, sea bass, pompano and other fish to see if they can be raised successfully under controlled conditions out of their natural habitats.

But a lot more research and work must be done to make such aquaculture economical and profitable. Many problems must be solved and a lot of money will have to be spent before such fish farming become practical on a large scale. The high price of most land, water and wetlands makes such operations a big investment. The high cost of labor, materials and other equipment also adds to the total cost. It can't be done on a "shoe-string" and requires plenty of capital. Then there are other problems such as a source of clean, unpolluted water, the danger of floods, hurricanes, storms, predators and disease which can all cause damage and losses.

But, in time, these problems can be solved and, if we can start producing shellfish and fish for food by the hundreds of tons, we could take some of the pressure off our decreasing natural stocks of fish in the future.



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The Long Island Fisherman has prepared six slide show and film presentations on fishing that will be shown to fishing clubs and organizations on request, December thru March. If your group is interested, please call The Fisherman to make arrangements.

1. **Salt Marshes and the Future of our Fisheries.**
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4. **Fishing at Martha's Vineyard**
   Slide show depicts the possibilities for Long Island fishermen, possible migration patterns of bait and fish that are related to their coastal distribution, and the possible application of our local techniques
5. **Fishing Possibilities in the Bahamas**
   Slide show includes wire line trolling, monofilament, worm trolling, trolling shallow channels
6. **The Ins and Outs of Trolling**
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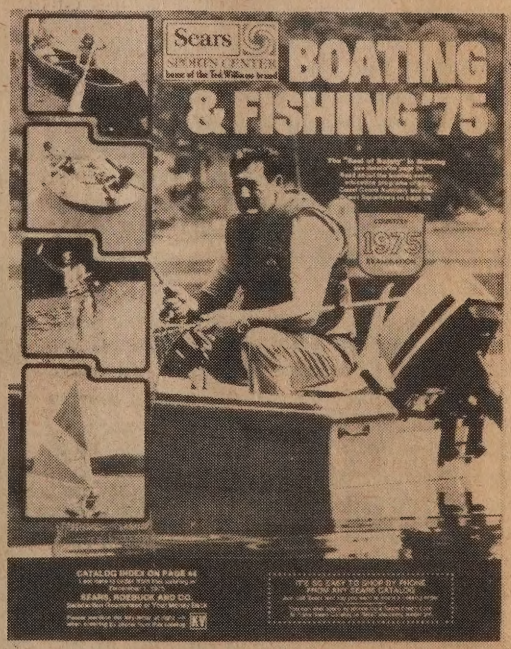

Depthfinders for serious fishermen and yachtsmen highlight Sears new "Boating and Fishing '75" catalog. The 72-page catalog includes 14 different depthfinder models along with a complete assortment of fresh and salt water fishing gear and a large selection of boats, motors and boating accessories. Copies are available free at Sears stores.

Fishing Station Blues

by Matt Ahern

Most fishermen using the facilities of a fishing station never consider its operation. Should it be given a passing thought, it's most likely to be only of innocent envy. The hustle and bustle on a beautiful summer morning is noted, and the thought is : "What a racket that guy's got. He's got it made!"

That's what I used to think, too, until an interview with several fishing station operators made me see things in a different light. I came away convinced that the average fisherman wouldn't consider changing places for even one day if he but knew what often goes on behind the universally accepted scene of placidly bobbing skiffs and calm, peaceful, sun-soaked boat livery.

It takes a special kind of willingness in order to take a beating from Nature, and from the bait supplier who always seems to be involved in labor strikes at the most crucial times, plus the idiosyncrasies of a few big hearted, happy-go-lucky, but occasionally unthinking fishermen.

And on top of all that, there's the ever-present threat of unforeseen spells of bad weather that can cause severe financial reversals that are apt to set him on the road to the poorhouse or madhouse, whichever comes first.

The station owner can do nothing about the vagrancies of Nature. The problem with suppliers, perhaps, but with the erring fisherman hope forever springs eternal. But, alas, that's all it is: hope. The child-like soul of a fisherman being of sterner stuff, none of the small annoyances which prove to be thorns in the side of this enterprising business man are ever maliciously intended. But that doesn't make it any easier.

Let's take a typical station owner, for example:

During the fishing season, he expects to get in the sack late and rise before dawn seven days a week. The first thing he does upon rising is to check the weather. The report for three previous days promised a beautiful, fair weekend. But what's that unexpected drip, drip, drip from the roof? As if he didn't know. There goes the weekend.

What about those extra flats of blood and sandworms ordered on the strength of that forecast? Maybe by tomorrow, with luck, the rain will stop. (Although in his heart he knows it won't.) Hopefully the sun will shine, and maybe he'll be able to move most of the bait. And if the rain doesn't stop in time? Well...there isn't much demand for tired worms, especially at today's prices. Get out the red ink, kid.

Maybe it's the height of the fluke season. Fluke are all over the bay. Killies are getting scarcer and more expensive by the hour, but the big bait box overboard at the end of the pier has at least a hundred quarts held in readiness for the customers he knows will be piling in at daybreak. But the violent thunder storm the night before took care of the bait. When he opens the bait box cover, his fears are justified: all but a few lonely survivors are floating belly up. Heavy thunder storms are murder on trapped killies. Reach for the red ink, again.

But it isn't just bait problems that drive this gentle soul up the wall. The mortality rate on anchors, oars, oarlocks, and shear pins is high, indeed. Especially anchors.

"Yeah, Skip, we saw that cable crossing sign, but honest, we anchored at least a quarter mile from it. Must have been a sunken boat, or something, down there. We couldn't budge it. Besides, that anchor line must have been rotten, anyway."

Goodbye profit from that rental.

Here's another typical example of what station owners learn to live with:

"Years ago," says one station owner, "we used to tow the boys out to the hot fishing spots. We'd make arrangements for picking them up at certain times. Sure, it was kind of a bother, but we had to do it to keep our trade.

"We seldom do it anymore, but last fall one fellow asked me to tow him out and return at noon sharp as he had a wedding or bar mitzvah, or something going. I was back there on time, but there's no boat. I searched the creeks, and all the local areas I thought he might be, but I drew a blank.

"Near closing time, with just a few boats out, I figure I better call the Coast Guard when I spotted this boat coming in, the same one I rented to my absent fisherman, but there's a different guy in it.

"What happened was my fisherman had decided to come in early instead of waiting for me to come out. My kid had rented the boat immediately upon its return, and then left in his own boat to rake some mussels.

"A couple weeks later, this guy shows again and I called him on it. 'Gee,' he says, 'I'm sorry about that, but I thought you noticed me coming back. The fishing was slow and I

Obey this simple request. It means a lot to the owner.

decided to come in earlier than I planned. I got some guy to tow me in on his way past. Besides, didn't you notice my car was gone?'

"Now, I ask you, I never saw this fellow before, and I've got thirty to forty cars parked around here most days. How could I know which was his? All he had to do was make sure I knew he was back and everything would have been all right. Instead, he put me through the wringer."

It isn't only the thoughtless fisherman who causes concern, some skiff fishermen seem to have a natural affinity for shallow water bars, like flies to honey.

Immediately east of Bradley's Fishing Station in Hampton Bays is a well-known sand bar. This bar, being buoyed, anyone would think it'd be the least cause of trouble. Hah!

"You should see that bar when it's exposed on low water," says owner Ernie Behle. "After a busy weekend, it looks like freshly plowed farm land. My fishermen know the bar is there, and they never have trouble; but I don't know where the others come from. Every strange skiff seems to want to leap across it. It's really something to see."

Worry to a fishing station operator is the expected thing, and considered part of the job. He's got to roll with the ill-timed punches the weather man throws at him at the height of the season. The worry that the fish he is so dependent upon will suddenly decide to seek greener pastures is always there. The constant concern over getting and holding enough bait to satisfy his demanding patrons helps to add to the gray hairs.

But his biggest worry is the concern over the welfare of his customers. Let a sudden violent thunder and wind storm come up in late afternoon, and you may be sure there will be lots of heavy-footed pacing going on. No breath of ease is taken until all his fishermen have safely returned.

Most stations have taken to establishing a specific time when all rented boats are expected to return, and signs and notices are conspiculously posted. Occasionally, an isolated fisherman will ignore this request.

"I know the temptation to stay out to the last minute is great," says one owner. "Especially when the weather is nice and the fish begin biting later in the day, which sometimes happens. But why does it always happen when I want to get away in time to catch a good movie? And another thing: how do you know the guy hasn't run into some kind of trouble? In this business you learn not to make too many outside plans."

Now let's get to something a little more serious. Let's put a little light on that bane of all station operators, the characters with larceny in their black hearts.

Years ago, fishermen could pull into a station, rent their boats, pick up bait and go. No deposit, or car registration, was ever required. But then the light-fingered sharpies began moving in. These characters aren't fishermen, of course, but they do put on a good act.

But let Bill Zohler, owner of a large operation on a fresh water lake, tell you about it. You can apply it to most any salt water livery.

"I've been catering a good many years to fishermen," says Bill. "And in all those years, I've never come across a dishonest fisherman. I still haven't. But this one day these two so-called fishermen show up, pay the rental, and pick out a boat with a brand new motor, throw some tackle in and take off. And that's the last I saw of them and the motor.

"Whether they came in a car, I don't know, but we found the boat at the upper end of the lake the next day. No motor, and I'm out four hundred bucks. From then on I've insisted on a car registration, or no boat."

It takes a lot of rentals to make up the loss of a four hundred dollar motor, and the fisherman shouldn't feel any slur is intended as to his honesty. The poor livery man's trying to make a living, even as you and I, and he's got to protect himself the best way he can. It's a sign of the times, and there's nothing personal involved.

So next weekend, when you hie yourself to your favorite fishing station, consider the trials and tribulations the owner is heir to and help make his day a little easier.

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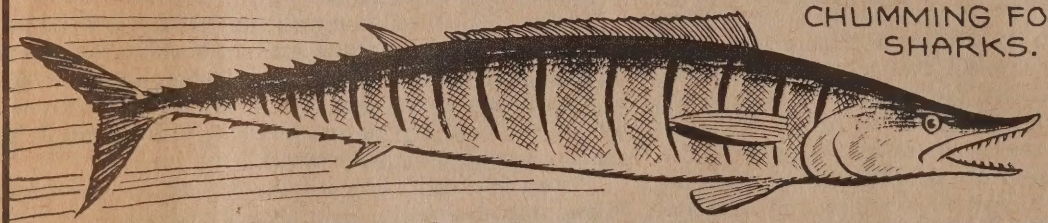

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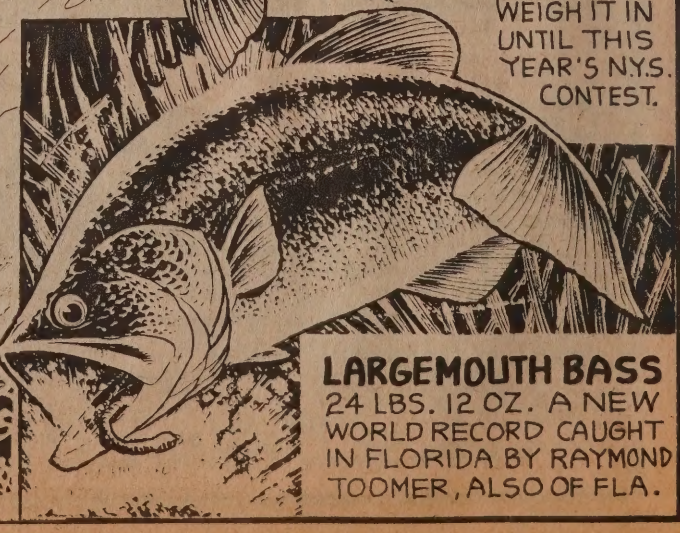

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SOUTH SHORE Fishing Report

Three members of the Roosevelt Fishing Club of New Rochelle, N.Y. with 3 striped bass over 20 pounds caught at Montauk, N.Y. on the Blue Fin. (Capt. George Potts) From left to right the members are Bill Crogan, Tom Iaccino and Harry Rasmussen.

MONTAUK

"Fantastic codfishing," according to Capt. Paul Forsberg of the **Viking Star.** Fishing was excellent on Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Outer Cartwright area in 95 to 110 feet of water. Over 200 fish a day are being taken. On Saturday hi-hook was George Shuman of New Jersey, who had 18 fish including the $300 pool fish of 41 pounds. On Sunday Ernest Jordan took the pool with a 50 pound cod. Large blackfish and pollack are mixed in with the catch. On Saturday three pollack between 25 and 28 lbs. came over the rail.

Capt. Lester Behan of the **Peconic Queen ii** has found excellent cod results everywhere he has tried—Cartwright Grounds, Block Island, Southwest Ledge, just about anywhere you drop a line in Montauk. On Friday the Queen fished the Southwest Ledge in the Block Island area and loaded up with cod 15 to 20 pounds, large blackfish and pollack. Same on Saturday. Switching to the Outer Cartwright area on Sunday, fishing was even better. Tony Wanek of Plainview took the pool with a 49½ lb. cod and had 8 other fish besides. George Mills of Copiague took second money with a 42 pounder.

Capt. Brad Glas of the Helen II called to tell us that he still has some choice open dates this spring and summer for those large groups that need a big boat for their charters. In these days of inflation the rates will remain the same as 1974. Give him a call today.

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The **Speedy V** had excellent catches of cod on both Friday and Saturday but the action slowed to a halt on Sunday. Average catch when the weather is right is about 5 fish per man, but hi-hook can be as high as 12 to 14 cod. On Friday two guys fishing from the stern took 25 fish between them. Fish are small, nothing big, average 5 to 10 pounds. Fishing has been concentrated about 7 miles due east of the NB buoy.

Capt. Ben Litwin said that fishing was very, very good on Friday. James Petrkin of St. Albans had six fish including a 43 lb. cod to take the pool. Saturday was not so good but some did good who stuck to the rails. On Sunday hi-hook was 10 cod, but fishing was very poor in general. Fishing the open bottom southeast of the Lightship Buoy.

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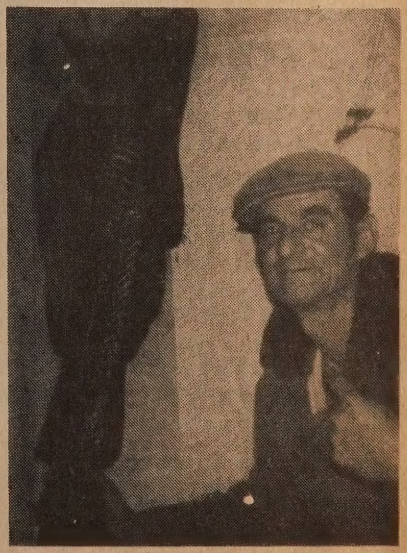

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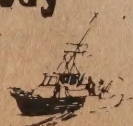
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Capt. Richie Kessinger of the **Starstream II** said that he found very good fishing all week long and on Saturday in 120 feet of water east/southeast of Jones Inlet. On Saturday the Starstream came down Woodcleft Canal with 14 cod 25 to 30 lbs. hanging from the rails. On Sunday Richie returned to the same area with a capacity crowd and was wiped out—the fish had left. Richie said he was sorry to disappoint a lot of people, but at least he tells it like it is—the boats who fished locally in 100 feet of water did much better. Such are the ways of fishing.

NORTH SHORE Fishing Report

The **Ever-Ready Fleet** starts its new program to give Sunday anglers (weather permitting) a day of fishing in the Sound. See his ad under the north shore banner.

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The major periods begin at the time shown and last for an hour and a half or two hours thereafter, and are in black face type. The minor periods are somewhat shorter in duration.

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Fri.	9:05	3:25	9:30	3:45
Sat.	10:00	4:20	10:30	4:45
Sun.	11:00	5:05	11:15	5:35
Mon.	11:50	5:55	—	6:20
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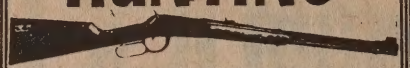

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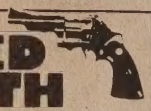

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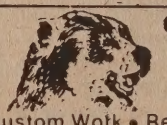

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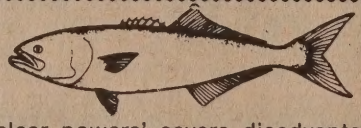

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NEW REGULATIONS AT HATTERAS ANNOUNCED AT STRIPED BASS FUND ANNUAL MEETING

At the Second Annual Al Reinfelder Memorial Lectures, the Striped Bass Fund Annual Meeting, fishermen from five states heard Congressman Edwin B. Forsythe announce a first success in the battle to protect sportfishermen at Cape Hatteras. For years fishermen have been forced off the beach at prime fishing times, because haul-seiners would literally take over.

The Fund, testifying in Washington last summer, maintained the "any time there is a stretch of beach with good fishing, sportfishermen and haul seiners, a confrontation is inevitable", recommending that the sportsfishermen be given the exclusive use of at least one prime fishing area at Hatteras.

Congressman Forsythe, who has led the battle in Washington for fishermen's rights in this and in many other issues, was the recipient of the

Al Reinfelder Memorial Award for "His leadership in the conservation of the coastal resources of the United States."

Upon receiving the award, Congressman Forsythe announced the settlement at Cape Hatteras as "an important step forward." Here is Congressman Forsythe's statement:

"I am pleased to announce the United States Department of Interior, Director of National Park Service, has recommended a zone be set aside for the exclusive use of sport fishing. This zone is located near the Cape Hatteras Light house, and is adjacent to one of the most active visitor-use areas in the seashore. It is proposed that an area, commencing at Access Ramp No. 22 and running south and west along the shore and including Cape Point to Access Ramp No. 30, be reserved for the exclusive use of sport fishing. This means that commercial fishermen will not be permitted to haul their nets upon the beach in this area from October 1, to April 30. The effective date for this year will be from December 14, 1974 to April 30, 1975.

The new regulations and boundaries will be clearly posted and well-defined. They will be strictly enforced by both the Park Service Officials and the State of North Carolina. As of 12/14/74, all commercial fishing permits on C.H.N.S. will be reviewed. All crew members will be required to have a permit and be a legal resident of the Outer Banks. Absolutely no outside fishing crews will be permitted on C.H.N.S. The new regulations will be inserted in the Federal Register. The area set aside for sport fishing only will give the sportfishermen approximately 4½ miles of choice surf fishing beach in C.H.N.S., and certainly some of the best fishing on the entire East coast, if not the best.

While these regulations are not everything SBF had hoped for, it is a step in the right direction and gives the sport fishermen an opportunity to fish, unmolested by commercial beach haul seiners, and at the same times gives the legal resident commercial fishermen approximately 65 miles of beach on a first-come, first served basis, as provided for in the Act of August 17, 1937.

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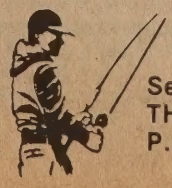

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Note: All hours listed are "clock" hours.	SANDY HOOK		NEW LONDON		WILLETS POINT		BRIDGE-PORT	
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
1/2 THURSDAY	10:53	11:35	12:07	12:24	1:58	2:17	2:01	2:22
1/3 FRIDAY	11:49	—	1:04	1:25	2:57	3:19	2:54	3:18
1/4 SATURDAY	12:31	12:47	2:04	2:29	4:03	4:35	3:51	4:19
1/5 SUNDAY	1:28	1:46	3:07	3:38	5:19	6:01	4:51	5:22
1/6 MONDAY	2:29	2:50	4:12	4:44	6:32	7:12	5:53	6:26
1/7 TUESDAY	3:29	3:53	5:13	5:48	7:38	8:16	6:52	7:28
1/8 WEDNESDAY	4:30	4:55	6:07	6:43	8:34	9:11	7:52	8:26
1/9 THURSDAY	5:24	5:48	6:59	7:31	9:27	10:01	8:47	9:17

on SANDY HOOK

SHINNECOCK INLET	−0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	−0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Harts Cove	+1 30
Potunck Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0 38
(Inlet.Breakwater & Dem. Pt.)	−0 38
Coast Guard Station	−0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	−0 19
Loop Parkway Bridge	+0 25
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
EAST ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	+0 00
Beach Channel (Bridge)	+0 38
JFK Airport	+0 26
STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
MANASQUAN	−0 12

on NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+0 27
Connecticut River	+1 10
Little Gull Island (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land (Napeague)	−0 14
Fort Pond Bay	−0 29
Montauk Inlet	−0 25
Montauk Point	−1 13

on WILLETS POINT

Little Neck Bay	−0 10
Execution Light	−0 06
Manhasset Bay	−0 01
Hempstead Harbor	−0 11
City Island	−0 03
Rye Beach	−0 28

PHASES OF THE MOON

12/3	12/21	11/29	12/6
NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.

on BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	−0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	−0 08
Herod Point	−0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 19
Horton Point	−0 20
Truman Beach	−0 42

HOW TO USE TIDE TABLES

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and/or minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet —0 50" is listed under "on Sandy Hook". — 0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

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STORING TERMINAL TACKLE

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weakened in any way the hook would never have come out on top in this case. In not trying to save a quarter by using an old rig, I may have saved a trophy fish.

At the end of each fishing trip make it a practice to dry off each piece of tackle before returning it to the tackle box. Then open the box and fold out the trays and give the contents a good spray-down with a can of WD-40 to displace any moisture and prevent rust and corrosion. A large can of WD-40 should be standard equipment in your gear, if it isn't already. It should be sprayed on all reels at the end of the day and when sprayed on the wires of your outboard on those dewy mornings, it will quickly dry them off by displacing moisture that can create ignition problems.

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